



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CALTRANS REMINDS CANDIDATES: NO SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY**

**Eureka** – Caltrans reminds all candidates registered in the upcoming election, their representatives and campaign personnel, and campaign workers for ballot measures of the policy regarding placement of “Temporary Political Signs” **within view of a state highway**.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act allows an exemption for the placement of “Temporary Political Signs” along certain state highways. **These signs are not to be placed within the state right of way.** If the signs are within view of a state highway, candidates **MUST** file a Statement of Responsibility form with Caltrans.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

1. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
2. Is placed no sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
3. Is no larger than 32 square feet.
4. Has a statement of responsibility form filed with the Department of Transportation certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the signs.

State law directs Caltrans to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. Signs removed from the state right of way will be stored at the nearest Caltrans Maintenance Station.

For more information or a copy of the Statement of Responsibility form for Temporary Political Signs, please go to [www.dot.ca.gov/oda/political\\_signs.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/oda/political_signs.htm) or call 707-441-3998 (Del Norte and Humboldt Counties) or 707-441-4678 (Mendocino and Lake Counties).

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